

## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

## Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Surface water drainage system, ~~in particular drainage channel,~~ comprising  
a structure (10) adapted for installation that can be installed in the ground such that it defines an upper edge and comprising a first locking means ;  
a cover (20) ~~that can be laid onto an~~ adapted for location on the upper edge (11) of the structure (10) and fabricated from sheet metal having edges forming U-shaped profiles with undercut sections that face toward one another and with a lower side forming a supporting rim; and  
fixation devices ~~that are~~ attached to said edges of the cover (20) and ~~comprise first comprising second~~ locking means in the form of elastic hook elements that are mounted within said undercut sections and that are adapted for (30) ~~that can be brought into snapping engagement with said first second~~ locking means (50) on the structure (10) in order to retain the cover (20) on the structure (10), ~~such that the first locking means comprise elastic hook elements (30) that can be inserted into the cover (20) and are fixed to edges (21, 22) of the cover (20);~~  
characterized in that  
~~—in the case of a cover (20) formed by bending sheet metal, the edges (21, 22) of which are U-shaped profiles forming undercut sections (23) that face toward one another, each having a lower side that provides a supporting rim (29), the elastic hook elements (30) are mounted within the undercut sections.~~  
or  
~~—in the case of a cover (20) constructed as a cast metal grating, its edges (21, 22) comprise recesses (24) into which the elastic hook elements (30) can be inserted, from the exterior to the interior.~~

2. (Currently Amended) Surface water drainage system according to Claim 1, wherein said second ~~characterized in that the first~~ locking means (30) are detachably fixed to the cover (20).
3. (Currently Amended) Surface water drainage system according Claim 1, wherein said second ~~to one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the first~~ locking means (30) ~~can be~~ are fixed to the cover (20) without the use of tools.
4. (Currently Amended) Surface water drainage system according to Claim 1, wherein said second ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the first~~ locking means (30) comprise flexible fixation elements (31, 32) adapted such that less force is required to change their shape during their mounting ~~while fixing the first locking means (30)~~ to the cover (20) than during their detachment ~~while removing the first locking means (30)~~ from the cover (20).
5. (Currently Amended) Surface water drainage system according to Claim 1, wherein said second ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the first~~ locking means (30) comprise tensioning devices (33) that press the first locking means (30) against the cover (20) to ensure fixation without play.
6. (Currently Amended) Surface water drainage system according Claim 1, wherein said second ~~to one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the first~~ locking means (30) are each constructed as a springs from a bent ~~, preferably formed by bending strips of~~ material.
7. (Currently Amended) Surface water drainage system according to Claim 6, wherein said second ~~characterized in that the first~~ locking means (30) are each fixed within said undercut sections (23) of the cover (20) by means of a tabs (31, 32) that has ~~have~~ been bent outward from the strip of material.

8. (Currently Amended) Surface water drainage system according to Claim 7, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the cover (20) in the region of each said ~~the~~ undercut sections defines (23) ~~comprises~~ an aperture stamped-out areas (25, 26) or similar offsets to engage the tabs ~~(31, 32)~~.
9. (Currently Amended) Surface water drainage system according to Claim 1, wherein said ~~second one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the first~~ locking means comprise ~~(30) are constructed as~~ elastomer bodies.
10. (New) Surface water drainage system comprising
  - a structure adapted for installation in the ground such that it defines an upper edge and comprising a first locking means;
  - a cover adapted for location on the upper edge of the structure and having edges defining recesses; and
  - fixation devices attached to said edges of the cover and comprising second locking means in the form of elastic hook elements that are inserted into said recesses and that are adapted for snapping engagement with said first locking means on the structure in order to retain the cover on the structure.
11. (New) Surface water drainage system according to Claim 10, wherein said second locking means are detachably fixed to the cover.
12. (New) Surface water drainage system according Claim 10, wherein said second locking means are fixed to the cover without the use of tools.
13. (New) Surface water drainage system according to Claim 10, wherein said second locking means comprise flexible fixation elements adapted such that less force is required to change their shape during their mounting to the cover than during their detachment the cover.

14. (New) Surface water drainage system according to Claim 10, wherein said second locking means comprise tensioning devices that press the first locking means against the cover to ensure fixation without play.
15. (New) Surface water drainage system according Claim 10, wherein said second locking means are each constructed as a springs from a bent strip of material.
16. (New) Surface water drainage system according to Claim 15, wherein said second locking means are each fixed within said undercut sections of the cover by means of a tab that has been bent outward from the strip of material.
17. (New) Surface water drainage system according to Claim 16, wherein the cover in the region of each said undercut sections defines an aperture to engage the tab.
18. (New) Surface water drainage system according to Claim 10, wherein said second locking means comprise elastomer bodies.
19. (New) Surface water drainage system according to Claim 10, wherein said cover comprises a cast metal grating.